



# Environment Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

### CHAPTER 2

#### THE OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

##### *The Office for Environmental Protection*

VALID FROM 24/01/2022

#### **27 Co-operation duties of public authorities and the OEP**

- (1) A person whose functions include functions of a public nature must co-operate with the OEP, and give it such reasonable assistance as it requests (including the provision of information), in connection with the exercise of its functions under this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to—
  - (a) a court or tribunal,
  - (b) either House of Parliament,
  - (c) a devolved legislature,
  - (d) the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers, a Northern Ireland department or a Minister within the meaning of the Northern Ireland Act 1998,
  - (e) a person exercising a parliamentary function, or
  - (f) a person whose only public functions are devolved functions.
- (3) A person whose public functions include devolved functions is only required to co-operate with the OEP by virtue of subsection (1) to the extent that co-operation is in relation to functions that are not devolved functions.

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(4) If the OEP considers that a particular exercise of its functions may be relevant to the exercise of a devolved environmental governance function by a devolved environmental governance body, the OEP must consult that body.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 27 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)

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